

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC., d/b/a NEW EDGE NETWORKS | DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-35 TF-99-294 |
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, GRANTING WAIVERS, AND GRANTING
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW TARIFF**

(Issued December 6, 1999)

On October 11, 1999, New Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). New Edge intends to provide local exchange service in the exchanges currently served by U S West Communications, Inc. (U S West), GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed New Edge's application and finds New Edge has the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to New Edge.

New Edge requested the Board waive the requirements of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts. New Edge stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Board will grant New Edge's request for waiver. New Edge also requested the Board waive IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-22.3(2) that requires it to independently publish a directory. The Board will grant New Edge's request to waive the requirement that it publish a separate directory. It is not necessary for New Edge to publish a directory until or if it has a significant number of customers in Iowa. Finally, New Edge asked the Board to waive IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-18.2 that requires it to keep its records in Iowa. In support of its request, New Edge stated its principal place of business is in Washington, D.C. New Edge stated it would provide the Board with access to its records as if they were maintained in Iowa. The Board finds good cause and will grant the request for waiver. New Edge also stated it intends to make available a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity.

New Edge filed a tariff, identified as TF-99-294, on October 11, 1999. On November 16, 1999, New Edge filed a request to withdraw the tariff stating it had filed the tariff as a sample and was not at this time prepared to file a completed tariff. The Board will grant New Edge's request to withdraw the tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by New Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks, on October 11, 1999, identified as TCU-99-35, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. At the time New Edge files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by New Edge and upon approval of maps and other documentation which will define the service territory where New Edge desires to serve all eligible customers, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing New Edge to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

3. New Edge's requests for waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5 (2), 18.2, and 22.3(2) are granted.

4. New Edge's request to withdraw the tariff, identified as TF-99-294, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of December, 1999.